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Hi Laura,

Thank you so much for this message. Your comments are very helpful to me. Tom Hagler and I will both be attending (I think? confirm Tom?) and it is important for the three of us to discuss this before the meeting. It would be excellent if you could join the meeting in person or by conference call. I asked Michael Nepstad to include you on the email list but it looks like he didn't. I'll remind him. The goal appears to be obtaining a 5 agency consensus on purpose and need. Preliminary feedback suggests it may be difficult to get consensus.

I am available from 3:00 to 4:00 PM today. I'm off tomorrow but can make time to discuss. After we talk, I can coordinate with Mike Nepstad. If EPA and Corps have a similar P & N in mind, it will be one step toward reaching consensus.

Tom are you available to discuss at 3:00 today? Anyone else want to join?

I am working at home today and can be reached Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy You can also leave voicemail for me at 916-557-5253 or email works too.

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Hi Erin,

Thanks for forwarding the proposed BDCP March 10 Purpose and Need Meeting agenda. Yes, it would be

a very good idea to meet and discuss our BDCP strategy and key principles we wish to promote. I think it would be a good idea for at least Tom Hagler to attend, if possible, since the goal of the meeting is to have an 5 agency consensus on the 404 & NEPA Purpose and Need statement. I am available to attend, if needed.

Below are my comments in response to your initial thoughts on what the Need Statement should include. These comments are from the perspective of water supply reliability and Bay Delta restoration goals (versus a 404 perspective).

1.) Historically EPA has expressed concern with the CVP water supply allocation method based upon sector, M&I, and Agricultural needs since this allocation methodology does not explicitly consider the long-term reliability of the existing developed water supply; nor does it explicitly consider an ecosystem support allocation for instream and ecosystem beneficial uses (e.g., ecosystem services). Current CVP contract quantities are not based upon the actual quantity of long-term, sustainable, developed water. Therefore, current CVP contract allocations significantly exceed the quantity of water that is normally available. Actual deliveries are routinely well-below the designated contract quantity.

(Carolyn, Karen, Tom - It is my understanding that we and the State indirectly strive for an allocation of instream water for ecosystem services through our efforts to ensure compliance with water quality criteria, beneficial uses, and habitat goals (e.g. X2, flow requirements). Correct? or does California now have an explicit instream minimum flow requirement?)

2. The Needs Assessments required for long-term CVP contracts have always demonstrated an existing and forecasted need that far exceeds the available supply. Note: existing supply include diversion rates which leave many rivers dry or very dry (e.g., San Joaquin River).

3. The BDCP has co-equal goals of providing a sustainable water supply and successful ecosystem restoration. These co-equal goals should drive the NEPA and 404 Purpose and Need statement which is the basis for subsequent discussions on alternatives, proposed actions, effects analysis, etc. Erin & Tom - Why would there be different 404 and NEPA Purpose and Need statements? Shouldn't the 404 purpose and need be integrated as part of the NEPA Purpose and Need (I am assuming the 404 goal is LEDPA)?

4. River restoration has evolved with a better understanding of the flow prescriptions required to maintain or restore the ecological health of a river basin. I recommend we continue to press for a basin-wide approach, and one that explicitly allocates water for ecosystems services and a return to a more natural flow regime (see reference information below).

From Rivers for Life: Managing Water for People and Nature, Sandra Postel and Brian Richter, Island Press, 2003, pps. 53 -54. Eight general principles for managing river flows:

A modified flow regime should mimic the natural one, so that the natural timing of different kinds of flows is preserved.

A river's natural perenniality or nonperenniality should be retained

Most water should be harvested from a river during wet months, little should be taken during the dry months.

The seasonal pattern of higher baseflows in wet seasons should be retained

Floods should be present during the natural wet season

The duration of floods could be shortened, but within limits

It is better to retain certain floods at full magnitude and to eliminate others entirely than to preserve all or most floods at diminished levels.

The first flood (or one of the first) of the wet season should be fully retained.

I am available for a meeting or call tomorrow morning or after 3pm, all day Friday, or Tue after noon.

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Erin Foresman---03/03/2010 01:25:49 PM---Hi All, There is a BDCP, five federal agency, meeting on 3/10/10 on purpose and need. Laura, please

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Hi All,
There is a BDCP, five federal agency, meeting on 3/10/10 on purpose and need. Laura, please read the attached and let me know if you think you should be a part of this meeting. NEPA point of view regarding the need statement is important.

There is concern from Watersheds Office/Water Division and the Corps that BOR will use a need statement that reads something like "fulfill BOR/DOI water contracts." I understand that the Watersheds Office and the Corps do not consider this an appropriate need statement under NEPA. The need statment should describe true need for water supply (potentially broken down by sector, municipal, industrial, agricultural) including a list of all contract holders along with an estimate of water needed (voume of water), list of suppliers, and approximate amount of water from providers for every contract holder. Water need information for each contract holder should be based on forecasted water use (potentially per sector) and provide information documenting past years actual water usage including any sales to other municipalities or water transfer agreements.

Please let me know what you think -- potentially we should all discuss this before next weeks meeting.

Thanks,
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Attached. Lets all come well prepared.

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